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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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## Pediatric Influenza Program

Earlier this year, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issued new recommendations to expand routine influenza (flu) vaccination to include all children ages 6 months-18 years of age (both high-risk and healthy). As always, RI is committed to offering all recommended vaccines and has ordered adequate supplies of flu vaccine to vaccinate all RI children.

Pediatric providers should begin placing vaccine requests now. To order, use the **2008-09 Pediatric Influenza Order Report** form located in the provider information section of our website at [www.health.ri.gov/immunization/providers.php](http://www.health.ri.gov/immunization/providers.php) (The report is the first item listed in the *Policies and Procedures for Vaccine Storage and Handling* section of this page and is available as a PDF or as a spreadsheet.) FluMist (intranasal) vaccine is ready to be shipped now and can be ordered for healthy patients 2-18 years of age. We expect that providers will receive their first shipment of injectable vaccine by October 1<sup>st</sup>. For questions, contact Mark Francesconi (222-5988 or [mark.francesconi@health.ri.gov](mailto:mark.francesconi@health.ri.gov)) or Paul McKiernan (222-4639 or [paul.mckiernan@health.ri.gov](mailto:paul.mckiernan@health.ri.gov)).

HEALTH is working with providers and other partners to promote an opportunity to vaccinate a large volume of patients in one day - helping to maximize limited staffing resources and vaccinating before families come together for the holidays. We hope to make this event an annual statewide celebration of flu immunization for kids and adults and to educate everybody about the value of vaccines. *Flu Vaccination Day* has been endorsed by several RI partners including: the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Practitioners, RI Medical Society, RI Family Physician's Access Alliance and the Ocean State Adult Immunization Coalition. If you plan to participate or for more information, contact Kathy Marceau (222-4624 or [kathy.marceau@health.ri.gov](mailto:kathy.marceau@health.ri.gov))

## New Lead Screening Report now available for Providers

The RI Department of Health evaluates compliance with lead screening guidelines using 2 measures:

- Proportion of 18-month-old children tested for lead ONCE, and,
- Proportion of 36-month-old children tested for lead TWICE, those two tests being at least 12 months apart.

Approximately 70% of children born in 2001 through 2004 were screened for lead poisoning at least once by 18 months of age; however, only about 40% of these children were screened at least twice, at least 12 months apart, by 36 months of age.

Since late 2005, pediatric providers have had access to a lead screening report in the KIDSNET system, which lists children "never screened" for lead. As of September, we are pleased to announce that pediatric providers can now access a new report that generates a list of children in need of the second test, which will make them compliant with the Lead Screening Guidelines, which recommend two tests by 36 months of age.

This new report is now available in KIDSNET and is clearly marked "Children due for second lead screening", as shown below.



We strongly encourage providers to use this new report and contact Jodie Garnetto at 222-4634 or [jodie.garnetto@health.ri.gov](mailto:jodie.garnetto@health.ri.gov), or your provider relations representative if individual training is needed. We will soon be formulating a quality assurance pilot to assess lead screening rates by practice and will develop strategies to increase the proportion of 36-month-old children screened according to guidelines.

### Immunization Report

In August 2008, the following 10 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Bristol County Medical, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Family Health Services-Cranston, Fatima Health Center, Hillside Avenue Family & Community Medicine, Dr. Chad Nevola, Northwest Health Center, P.R.I.M.A., Dr. Dante Ramos, Sunshine Pediatrics.**

### Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have **never** been screened for lead poisoning. In August 2008, the following 12 pediatric Practices used this report: **Arcand Family Medicine, Barrington Pediatrics, Central Health Center, Children's Healthcare, Inc, Dr. Stuart Demers, East Greenwich Pediatrics, Family Dr's of East Providence, Mineral Spring Pediatrics, P.R.I.M.A., Dr. Michael Rosenberg, Dr. Salm/Aquidneck Medical Center.**

If you need a training review to use these reports, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434.

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